

and intermediate weapons. The jump to lethal force needs to be fully reviewed and investigated. At present, it does not appear justified. If there is justification, release the evidence now.

One law enforcement expert I talked to described this as lying in wait to shoot someone and a criminal offense. This was not acceptable police work. I reject the comment that one must either support every police officer 100 percent of the time or be “against” law enforcement, or to quote my colleague, to “smear” all police officers everywhere. Such notions are not worthy of serious discussion. I put my record of support for law enforcement up for comparison to anyone. But support need not be blind . . . or stupid. I can take issue with a bad cop. I can take issue with a bad killing. To see this swept under the rug under some false pretext of “he was protecting Congress” is as ridiculous as it is insulting. Using that logic, no police officer would ever be challenged on any killing—“He was trying to uphold the law.” Using this logic, that would end the inquiry. That is not how our laws work.

Life is not that simple. The law of self-defense and the defense of others is based on the circumstances. Was the attacker armed? Did the officer have time to use non-lethal force? Was there backup? Was the suspect warned or commanded? What exactly was the risk? Trespassing risk is different than a risk of assault or murder. In this case, Ashli may or may not have been trespassing. I say this only because depending on what door she went through, some of the people in the Capitol on January 6th were literally invited in by the guards. But assuming she was trespassing, did she pose an imminent risk of death to the officer or someone else? This unarmed 110-pound woman, who was draped in a flag and trying to climb a window? Why did the Officer wait 14 seconds to shoot all the while aiming at her? Why did he not audibly warn her? Why didn't he step out of his hiding place and confront her? Or use a taser? Or a baton? Or simply push her back out?

These issues, and the professional opinion of a law enforcement expert, lead to the conclusion that the officer that shot Ashli Babbitt was lying in wait, hid for 14 seconds, then used lethal force to kill an unarmed, non-threatening woman. If that is true, then no way does this constitute a lawful killing. The fact that some members think it is acceptable police work, and call me a liar for pointing out these so far undisputed facts, reflects more on naked hatred for the truth than a love of transparency and honesty. If anyone thinks this is good police work, release all the evidence so we can discuss it. I stand by my concerns, and my questions, and I stand with the American people who demand answers.

HONORING HAMDEN HEROES DAY
2021

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, over the course of the last fifteen months, our commu-

nities and our constituents have faced the unique challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have ensured the biggest health and economic crisis our country has seen in a century. What has inspired me most as we have navigated this pandemic has been the unyielding fortitude of our communities and the commitment and dedication of our frontline workers. That is why I was so honored to have been invited to join Hamden Heroes Day where the community gathered to express its thanks and appreciation to the frontline workers who live in and/or work for the Town.

Connecticut was hit harder than most as COVID-19 spread across New England before it reached many other parts of the country. Over 8,000 Connecticut residents died during this pandemic. Nearly 350,000 have been infected, many of whom are our frontline workers. This year, the Hamden Heroes Committee decided to pay tribute to the frontline workers in their community—our police, fire and emergency medical response personnel; our health department and public works employees; our teachers, nurses, and doctors; our gas station attendants, grocery workers, and convenience store workers; our certified nurse assistants and all those who provide care for those in the community who are older; our childcare providers who help struggling families to make ends meet; and our farmers and food distribution staff who literally are the ones putting food on our tables. Despite the risks, these frontline workers showed up and did their jobs while many of us worked comfortably from home.

These past fifteen months have been extremely challenging, but their dedication to their jobs and the Hamden community never wavered. Every day, they got up and committed their time and talent to serve the people of Hamden. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. They have my gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for all they do, and we are deeply grateful for all their sacrifices. Their selfless and courageous service helped make it possible for us to get through these tough times. For that, and so much more, we thank them.

At the conclusion of the event, the Hamden Heroes Committee made a request of the elected officials that attended the event. They asked for the day to be declared “Hamden Heroes Day” and their elected leaders help spread the word to other communities in the hopes that they too will join in thanking the essential workers. It is my hope that by honoring Hamden Heroes Day, I can do some small part in encouraging communities across the Nation to come together as well.

BARRY'S BUNS

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Barry's Buns, and its owners Joel and Jen Singer. Barry's Buns just opened a new location in Wildwood Crest in South Jersey, and I was able to meet with Joel and Jen and attend the grand opening. The inspiration for the name “Barry's Buns” comes from Joel,

who's middle name is Barry. He also says that he was born to be a baker. Joel has always wanted to have his own bakery, and when he was just 14 years old, he started his own cheesecake business. He graduated with a degree in Pastry Arts and was the Assistant Pastry Chef at the Rittenhouse Hotel. Joel drew inspiration to open up his own business from his father, who before his passing had his own farmers style market. Joel developed a passion for customer service from watching his dad, and when a location opened up in Pennsylvania, he knew it was time to start his own bakery. Jen handles the business side of Barry's Buns and its day-to-day operations. Now, Joel and Jen own two locations, and I know that South Jersey will continue to provide overwhelming support for Barry's Buns. God Bless Joel and Jen and God Bless America.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF KATHLEEN “KITTY” HILL KUNZ OF BOISE, IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kathleen “Kitty” Hill Kunz. Kitty worked as my regional director in Pocatello, Idaho. Kitty always had a smile and a compliment for everyone. She was cheerful and hard working even as she battled an incurable cancer for many years. Kitty raised five beautiful children with her husband Kent Kunz in Pocatello and later they moved to Boise.

She was politically active and her love for our country ran deep. She worked for three Congressmen, ran numerous campaigns, and served as an attaché at the Idaho State Legislature. She was active in Republican groups both in Pocatello and Boise and served for a decade as the secretary of the Idaho Republican Central Committee. She also served faithfully as president of the Idaho Federation of Republican Women. She helped found the Connor Academy in Pocatello, which is named after her grandson, and served as a member of the Idaho Charter School Commission.

When she was diagnosed with cancer, she said she wanted to get a red Mustang convertible and visit as many national parks as possible. Kitty did just that and she and Kent visited almost every national park in the western United States.

Her cheerful disposition, smile, laugh, and hugs will be treasured memories for all who knew her. She served her family, country, and the second congressional district of Idaho for many years.

My wife, Kathy and I, offer our deepest sympathies to Kitty's family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement. I will forever be grateful for Kitty's tireless service. Truly, so many of us are better people for having known Kitty Kunz. We will miss her, but know her good work continues in heaven.

CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to join my fellow members of the Equality Caucus in celebrating Pride Month and the progress our country has made in securing equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. As we recognize our progress, we must keep fighting because the LGBTQ+ community has yet to be granted full equality.

Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall Uprising, the now-famous targeting of the gay community at the Stonewall Inn by police in New York City in June 1969. In the subsequent four decades since Stonewall, LGBTQ+ individuals can serve openly in the military, same-sex couples can wed, and the Supreme Court has upheld certain federal laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Much work remains to be done. Transgender individuals still face high levels of violence. Federal, state, and local laws still allow many forms of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. And just last week in *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*, the Supreme Court found that anti-LGBTQ+ religious objections can override a government agency's policies to ensure equality. While the case focused on same-sex couples adopting children, it could have much broader ramifications.

For all these reasons, I'm proud to be an original cosponsor of H.R. 5, the Equality Act, which extends anti-discrimination provisions in federal law to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. I'm proud that the House passed this legislation on a bipartisan vote of 224 to 206 on February 25, 2021. I urge the Senate to take up this legislation and send it to the President's desk as soon as possible.

As we celebrate Pride Month, let us also remember the victims of anti-LGBTQ+ hate, mourn the loss of countless loved ones whose lives were lost in the battle against HIV/AIDS, and reaffirm our commitment to fighting for an America where all are equal, no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation.

TRIBUTE TO SOJOURNER KINCAID ROLLE—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Sojourner Kincaid Rolle, of Santa Barbara, California.

It is community members like Sojourner that make Santa Barbara County special, and it is hard to put into words all of her contributions

to our community. She is a poet, playwright, environmental educator, and cultural and peace activist. She is known for her work raising awareness of our diverse cultural history throughout the county and is heavily involved as a guiding elder for Juneteenth Santa Barbara and Healing Justice Santa Barbara organizations.

In 2015 Sojourner was named Poet Laureate of Santa Barbara and served a two-year term. As a self-defined "public poet", she is invited to compose and present poems for numerous special occasions. She is a two-time recipient of the California Arts Council's Artist-in-Residence program and for nearly 30 years has led poetry workshops throughout the West Coast. Since 1997, she has engaged young poets through her "Song of Place Poetry Project" and her work with City at Peace, Speak for the Creeks, California Poets in the Schools, Poetry OutLoud, and the MLK Poetry and Essay Contest.

She is the author of seven books of poetry and six plays, and her poetry is published in across social media. Her arts reviews and commentaries have also appeared in local and regional publications. Sojourner is a truth teller. She exhumes our past stories and brings them to life as a reminder of where we have been and where we can go.

A founding member of Santa Barbara's Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, Sojourner has also served with multiple Santa Barbara County organizations including the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission, Santa Barbara NAACP, Santa Barbara Arts Council, the Fund for Santa Barbara Grantmaking Committee, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and the UCSB Center for Black Studies Research.

Sojourner is the glue that connects community members. She holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice with emphasis in Juvenile Delinquency and a J.D., but she is a teacher at heart, always ready to teach and inspire the community at large. She is a worthy candidate for this honor and a role model for community leaders of all kinds. I am honored to recognize Sojourner for her continued commitment to improving our community and the residents of Santa Barbara County. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Sojourner Kincaid Rolle, for her incredible service to her community.

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR—ANTHONY AND MICHAEL ZEG

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, over the weekend, I had the honor to meet Anthony and Michael Zeg from Franklinville, New Jersey. Both Anthony and Michael were awarded their Eagle Scout rank this year, and I had the privilege of attending their Eagle Scout Court of Honor. In order to meet the rank of Eagle Scout, they must participate in community service for their Eagle Scout project. Anthony and Michael both completed their project at the American Legion Post in Atco, NJ where each of them spent over 100 hours repairing and painting the building. Anthony is a senior

in high school and is attending Gloucester County Institute of Technology studying HVAC and also interns for two different HVAC companies. Michael plans on attending college to study engineering and will be interning for an engineering company this summer. Both of these boys have a bright future ahead of them and I wish them nothing but success. God Bless Anthony and Michael and God Bless America.

ROSE MARY JOHNSON**HON. CORI BUSH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Rose Mary Johnson, a recently retired educator.

Ms. Johnson has led a life of service and true love of community. She has spent several successful years teaching and serving in administrative roles in schools around the region. Shortly after beginning her teaching career, Johnson enlisted in the United States Army Reserves. It was here that she completed and retired with 31 years of service at the rank of Master Sergeant and with an array of medals and honors for her service.

In 1994, Ms. Johnson ran for the Jennings School Board on the platform that children needed to receive breakfast at school. She was successfully elected and has now just completed her 27th and final year on the board. Jennings Junior High was recently renamed Johnson Jennings Junior high school in her honor.

Rose Mary has been recognized by countless organizations for her unyielding commitment to her community, and since retiring she has continued to volunteer in various capacities.

For these reasons and more, St. Louis and I offer our deepest congratulations and gratitude to Rose Mary for her years of service. St. Louis has been enriched because of your contributions.

HONORING RETIRING IU PRESIDENT MICHAEL MCROBBIE

HON. TREY HOLLINGSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH. Madam Speaker, in honor of President Michael McRobbie's upcoming retirement from Indiana University, I am proud to recognize his outstanding record of leadership and service to higher education.

Serving nearly 14 years as president, McRobbie is among the country's longest-serving presidents of a public higher education institution, and his dedication to expanding IU's programs, its impact on students, and the University's greater influence around Indiana is nothing short of remarkable.

Throughout his tenure, President McRobbie has worked to ensure IU remained an academically competitive and excellent institution. Under his leadership, President McRobbie prioritized building curriculums that were highly responsive to the evolving needs of its students, the Hoosier state, and industries